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U.S. Food and Drug Administration
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5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please grant the above petition to prohibit the slaughter and marketing of downed animals. This is an incredibly brutal and insane practice which causes harm to both humans and animals. With rules in place, the industry will have an incentive to care for and handle animals better so that this abuse will never have to happen in the first place.

There will be no economic hardship in prohibiting the marketing of downed animals, as they comprise such a small percentage of animals slaughtered. It will only remove them from needless pain and suffering before their death.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


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